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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of  
Masahiro Koike

Serial No.: 10/090,787

Group Art Unit: 2827

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Examiner: L. Cruz

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, RESIN SEALING METHOD AND  
RESIN SEALING DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2003, a petition is hereby made for a one-month extension of time for response to extend the period for response to May 24, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the petition fee for this extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1) is attached.

In response to the requirement for restriction, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group I, claims 1 - 6 and 17 - 20, as identified by the Examiner, without traverse, for further prosecution of the merits.

Additionally, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 7 - 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

## REMARKS

Claims 1 - 6 and 17 - 20 remain active in this application. Claims 7 - 16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and are being submitted in a concurrently filed divisional application. No new matter has been introduced into the application. Consideration of documents submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed March 6, 2002, is noted with appreciation.

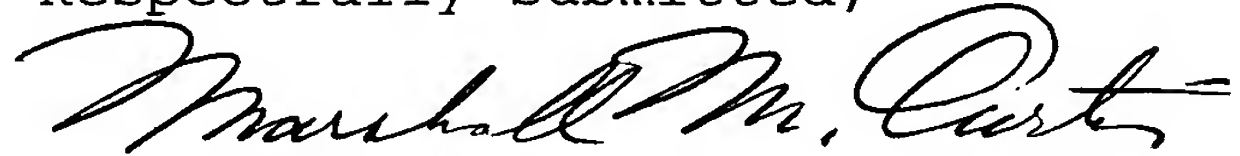
Restriction has been required between the inventions, as identified by the Examiner, of Group I, claims 1 - 6 and 17 - 20, and Group II, claims 7 - 16. In response to the requirement, the invention of Group I, claims 1 - 6 and 17 - 20, has been elected above, without traverse. Non-elected claims 7 - 16 have been canceled and are presented in a concurrently filed divisional application. As the undersigned is presently advised, the stated inventorship is correct as to the remaining elected claims.

Since all requirements contained in the official action of March 24, 2003, have been fully answered by the above election and cancellation of non-elected claims, examination of the application is now in order under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.111. Early and favorable consideration of the merits of the remaining elected claims is respectfully requested.

A petition for a one-month extension of time has been made above and a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the petition fee is attached to this response. If any further extension of time is required for this response to be considered as being timely filed, a conditional petition is hereby made for such further extension of time. Please charge any deficiencies in

fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's  
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Respectfully submitted,



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